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### Dear Examiner Kaufman:

In response to the non-final office action mailed December 28, 2004, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated March 25, 2005 (2 pages);
- Amendment A with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated March 25, 2005 (9 pages); and
- 3) Applicant's Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages).

Very respectfully,

Ronald E. Smith Reg. No. 28,761

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: Device that Facilitates Pouring of Liquid from Container

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#### AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

#### **STATUS**

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

#### **EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

#### CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment A, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Specification, Amendments to the Claims and Remarks, is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 3754, Attn: Mr. Joseph A. Kaufman, (703) 872-9302, on March 25, 2005.

Dated: March 25, 2005

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#### FEE FOR CLAIMS

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No additional fee for claims is required.

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## **AMENDMENT A**

**Introductory Comments** 

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 12/28/2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 03/28/2005, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.